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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date July 8, 1981

Full name William "Bill" H. Fisher  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address Box 804, Rt. 5

City Reidsville State N.C. Zip Code 27320

Date of birth 8/31/38 (This is important and should be exact.)

Former resident of Moscow, Iowa.

Religion Jewish Nationality U. S. Citizen

Occupation Chemistry Teacher, Reidsville High School

Education College Degree

Weight 180 lbs. Height 5'11" Race white

Color of hair brown-gray Color of eyes blue

Outstanding characteristics or interests: Aquatics, photography, ham radio operator

Married or single Single\* Children

\*He is engaged to marry Tsuyako Bowie in August 1981. She has a 12 year old son "Ashley" by previous marriage.

Scouting connections:

Unit No.: Troop 749 in Reidsville, N.C.

Date Resigned: June 22, 1981

Offices Held: Scoutmaster, Commissioner, O.A. Chapter Advisor, Aquatics Director - Camp Staff Member.

Special Recognition: District Award of Merit - 1980; Scouter's Key; Wood Badge

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Improper conduct, child molesting, indecent liberties taken with youth.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION.)

Signed Billy H. Brackett  
Scout Executive

Council Cherokee # 417  
BURLINGTON, N.C.

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September 17, 1981

Mr. Billy H. Brackett  
Scout Executive  
Cherokee Council, No. 417

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William H. Fisher

Dear Billy:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,



Paul F. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription  
And Statistical Service

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July 24, 1981

Mr. Billy H. Brackett  
Scout Executive  
Cherokee Council # 417

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William H. Fisher

Dear Billy:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning the above  
Scouter. This will be most helpful for identification purposes in the  
future. Thanks also for the other support material you sent.

We would appreciate any farther information you may receive in the future.

Thanks very much,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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Cherokee Council, Inc.

O. Box 620 - Burlington, N. C. 27215



Boy Scouts of America

Phone 919-227-7435

July 7, 1981

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director of Registration, Subscription,  
& Statistical Service  
National Office  
Boy Scouts of America  
P. O. Box 61030  
DFW Airport, Texas 75261

Re: Confidential Record of William H. Fisher

Dear Sir:

Today Mr. Bill Post, District Commissioner, from Reidsville, N.C., and I hand delivered the enclosed letter (A) to Mr. William Fisher.

Mr. Fisher read the letter in our presence. He apologized for his actions and the possibility that his actions could hurt Scouting.

He stated that he is presently undergoing treatment to correct his behavior by a Dr. Willis in Greensboro, N.C. He stated that his next appointment is tomorrow morning at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Fisher stated that he did not desire to have the decision reviewed. He did state that he hoped that at some point in the future he might be allowed to serve in Scouting again, possibly at the district level.

We informed him that after a period of time and with written certification from a qualified person that he may again be reinstated.

Mr. Post and I shook hands with Mr. Fisher and left.

Please see enclosed documentation:

- (A) Copy of letter hand delivered to Mr. Fisher.
- (B) Copy of letter dated June 30, 1981 from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
(parents of [REDACTED]).
- (C) Copy of letter dated June 30, 1981 from Rev. [REDACTED] Jr.



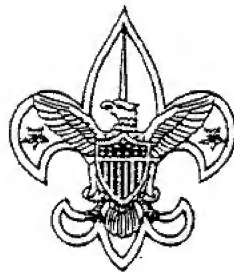
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Re: William H. Fisher

- (D) Copy of letter dated June 30, 1981 from [REDACTED]
- (E) Copy of letter dated June 22, 1981 from Bill Fisher resigning as Scoutmaster.
- (F) Copy of letter dated June 22, 1981 from Bill Fisher to Scout Executive.
- (G) Confidential Record Sheet on William H. Fisher dated July 8, 1981.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further documentation.  
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Billy H. Brackett*

Billy H. Brackett  
Scout Executive

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Enclosures



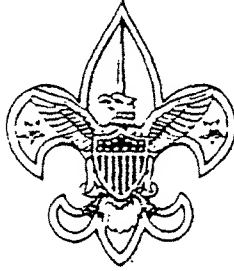
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Boy Scouts of America

Phone 919-227-7435

July 2, 1981

Mr. William H. Fisher  
Box 804, Rt. 5  
Reidsville, NC 27320

Dear Mr. Fisher:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas O. Pass, Jr.  
President



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June 30, 1981

Boy Scouts of America  
P. O. Box 620  
Burlington, NC 27215

ATTENTION: Bill Brackett

This letter is to confirm the conversation my wife and I had with you, Bill Post, Jim Fish and Raymond Wagoner.

I can at this time only relate to you what our son [REDACTED] is able to talk about. He is still under the care of Dr. John Edwards and is not yet able to reveal everything that happened.

[REDACTED] told us that Bill Fisher asked him to get in bed with him because it was cold and the heat was turned down. After he kissed him on the lips and told him good night, [REDACTED] began to go to sleep. [REDACTED] said he felt his underpants being pulled down and Bill's hand began rubbing his buttocks. [REDACTED] felt peculiar, but did not know exactly what to do, except hoping that he would quit. After a time he felt Bill's hand go between his legs and began to fill his genitals. [REDACTED] began to fill panic, but was afraid to move or say anything. After a time Bill pulled down his underpants and lay on top of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] felt terrified and just wished Bill would get off of him.

It is at this point that [REDACTED] is not able to recall exactly what all did take place, except that after a time Bill got off from on top of him and asked him if he was still cold.

The above incident took place around the 1st of October, 1980. We began to notice a change in [REDACTED] and his teacher called my wife to come to school for a conference. The teacher, Miss Jones said she had seen a drastic change in [REDACTED] grades and in his attitude. She said that he just did not seem to care.

We could see [REDACTED] began to deteriorate and we tried to ask him what was wrong, but every time he would begin to cry.

In January we took [REDACTED] to Dr. John Edwards (a clinical psychologist) in Greensboro, N. C.

We began to see some improvement in [REDACTED] but not considerable.

On March 11, 1981 Bill Fisher (Bill was a personal friend of the family. He lived with us for three or four weeks when he moved out from his mother's house until the trailer that he had rented was empty. He usually ate supper with us three or four times a week and would pick the boys [REDACTED] up after school and bring them home. He had a key to our house in case the boys forgot or lost their key or if he needed to borrow something. I asked [REDACTED] if he wanted to spend the night with

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him, But [REDACTED] did not want to go. My wife saw the expression on [REDACTED]'s face when Bill asked him to spend the night with him and she knew something was wrong. My wife took [REDACTED] into another room after Bill had left and began asking him questions. [REDACTED] began to cry and did not want to talk, but my wife kept on prying until he finally broke and told us what had happened. At first [REDACTED] would only say that Bill pulled down his underpants and layed on top of him.

[REDACTED] said he felt guilty, that maybe he had done something to make Bill do this to him. [REDACTED] felt like he was the only boy this had ever happened too.

On March 13, 1981 we asked Bill Fisher to come by our house, that we wanted to talk to him. When Bill arrived we had our minister, Reverend [REDACTED] Jr. there with us. We confronted Bill and he admitted that he had molested him.

The above description is to the best of my knowledge what transpired.

Sincerely yours  
[REDACTED]

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST)  
Reidsville, North Carolina 27320,

Minister

June 30, 1981

Mr. Bill Brackett  
Scout Executive Cherokee Council  
Burlington, N. C. 27215

Dear Sir:

Mr. Raymond Wagoner was by my study today and this letter is being written to you by his request.

You are already familiar with the matter regarding Mr. Bill Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] and their son [REDACTED]. After talking with Mr. Wagoner I feel the information Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] gave you is correct to the best of my remembrance.

Briefly, Mrs. [REDACTED] asked me to come to their home on the night she and Mr. [REDACTED] were to have Mr. Fisher come over to confront him with what she had learned from her son, [REDACTED]. I was there when Mr. Fisher arrived. After a brief greeting Mrs. [REDACTED] confronted Mr. Fisher with the matter of her son [REDACTED]'s problem giving him (Mr. Fisher) every opportunity to tell her what had happened in the past to trigger the trouble [REDACTED] had described. Mr. Fisher was reluctant to talk and tried to suggest he knew nothing about what she was referring to. Whereupon, Mr. [REDACTED] told him in so many words to come off it she and her husband knew what he had done and he needed to tell his side of the matter. When Mr. Fisher was still reluctant to talk about it she told him what her son had told her. Mr. Fisher wanted to deny it but found he could not easily do that. He said if I did do that I don't remember it. Mr. [REDACTED] again pursued the matter and would not let that reply stand. She said she did not believe that. Slowly and reluctantly Mr. Fisher admitted there had been indecent liberties taken. The family then urged him to seek help. Mr. Fisher agreed to talk with me. He did this twice and then called one day to say he could not keep a third appointment. I have seen him only once since that time when he came to a special Scout Service at the Church (when Chuck Jones got his Eagle Award).

I heard that Mr. Fisher had seen a doctor in Greensboro once. Then I heard again he had been twice. All of this is hearsay.

I do not know if this is of any value to you. If you have further questions I will do my best to answer them. Of course you will understand and appreciate that I cannot divulge anything said in our counselling times. I would not betray a trust if I can help it.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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Boy Scouts of America  
D.O. Boy  
Burlington, N.C.

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1981

Attention: Bill Brackett

While on a camping trip to  
'Bugs Island', Bill Fisher asked  
[REDACTED] to sleep beside him.

A while later Bill Fisher got up  
to check the fire. When he came  
back, He layed on [REDACTED] arm and  
put his hand in [REDACTED] underwear.  
[REDACTED] pulled his arm away and  
got away from Bill.

[REDACTED]  
Reidsville N.C. 27320

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22 June 1981

Troop Committee  
Scout Troop 749

Dear Friends

It is with very deep regret that I must resign as Scoutmaster of Troop 749. This decision has been reached after long and agonizing hours of thought. The reasons are personal, but involve my health and my impending marriage. This resignation is effective immediately.

Troop 749 has had an outstanding four years. I do hope and pray that it will continue, under new leadership, to be a most outstanding Troop.

If I can be of service in any way, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,  
Bill Fisher

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22 June 1981

Bill Bracketh Scout Executive  
Cherokee Council

Dear Bill:

It is with a great deal of shame and anxiety that I must write you this letter. The events related to you concerning my contact with [REDACTED] are essentially correct.

[REDACTED] had spent a number of nights in my home last fall. In November (late November, as I recall) he climbed into my bed before going to his own. I did feel his penis.

There was no kissing. There was no genital contact.

[REDACTED] left my room after about five minutes and went to his own bed.

This was the only occasion on which any contact out of the ordinary occurred between us.

I regret — deeply — that this happened. I know that saying I'm sorry changes nothing. But I do want you to know anyway.

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At the suggestion of [REDACTED] parents I have had two sessions with a Dr. Willis of Greensboro. He suggested that I fulfill my commitment to Camp Old Indian, and gave me his phone number in case any problems should arise. None have arisen.

I have resigned as Scoutmaster of Troop 749, effective today. This action I offered to take in March. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] at that time (which was after they discovered the event with [REDACTED]) did not wish me to resign.

I am committed to continue to seek professional help. It is my hope that, through this help, I will someday again be able to be of service to Scouting. Scouting has been wonderful to me and knowing that I have harmed it is one of the worst feelings of my entire life.

yours in brotherhood,  
Bill Fisher

**APPLICATION**

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE. PRESS HARD. YOU ARE NOT TO WRITE IN THESE SPACES.

NAME: WILLIAM H FISHER 08 38

POSITION: SM

UNIT CODE: 54

ADDRESS: RT 8 BOX 338

CITY: REIDSVILLE NC 27320

SEX: M AGE: 39

HOME PHONE: 951-2176

SM, COMMISSIONER, OACMPT ADVISER

PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND: CHEROKEE

DATE: 09-26-77

TEACHER - REIDSVILLE NC SENIOR HIGH

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

REGISTRATION FEE: 09

BOYS' LIFE FEE: 0478

TERM (MONTHS): 0478

UNIT EXPIRATION DATE: 0478

IF APPLICANT HAS AN UNEXPIRED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE, REGISTRATION MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS UNIT BY A PAYMENT OF \$0.00. UPON PROCESSING THE TRANSFER, CHECK THE BOX AND ATTACH CERTIFICATE. IT WILL BE RETURNED BY THE COUNCIL.

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